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1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE COUNSELLOR OF THE DUTCH EMBASSY, OUR DAO HAS LEARNED THAT THAT THE HAGUE WARNED THE DUTCH EMBASSY, ABIDJAN

SOME DAYS AGO THAT THEY HAD INFORMATION QUOTE "THAT ARAB TERRORIST MIGHT
ATTEMPT AN ATTACK ON A DUTCH INSTALLATION BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 7 AND 17" UNQUOTE AND THAT DUTCH EMBASSY HERE HAD APPROACHED SURETE AND HAD ASKED FOR PROTECTION. FROM THE ABOVE WE ASSUME THAT THE INFORMATION SURETE GAVE US ON 6 SEPTEMBER WAS THEIR REACTION TOTHE DUTCH INFORMATION. (FYI: DUTCH EMBASSY HERE FIRST DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THREAT UNTIL DAO REVEALED THE ALERT WHICH WE HAD GOTTEN FROM SURETE. AT THAT POINT DUTCH COUNSELLOR ERVERSED HIMSELF AND EXPLAINED THAT THE HAGUE HAD CHARGED THEM TO SECRECY, AND THEN REVEALED THE INFORMATION REPORTED ABOVE.).

2. WE HAVE TODAY RELEASED THE GOIC SECURITY OFFICERS COVERING
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THE CHANCERY AND THE RESIDENCE BUT HAVE REMINDED SURETE THAT

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SEPTEMBER 17, WHICH IS THE OPENING DATE OF THE UNGA, IS ALSO THE DATE ON WHICH WE ARE HAVING AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL EVENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES JUBILEE SINGERS PERFORMING IN THE HOTEL IVOIRE CONFERENCE HALL (CAPACITY 2,100 PEOPLE).

3. THIS MORNING THE BELGIAN EMBASSY WHICH REPRESENTS ISRALI INTERESTS IN IVORY COAST HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN AND HAS ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF SIMILAR THREATS. DECON 9/30/74. SMITH

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